

# The Goodwill Messenger

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*Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here*

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## Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

Be sure to circle back to the Village Church tent at the Cummington Fair! Come by for the raffle. Come by to chat and introduce some family and friends. Come by for the volunteering and shade, and sit in the tent for a while.

How marvelous is the fair through the eyes of a child, and yet here we all are: children of God. Just in terms of good spirit, hospitality, and valuing one's church, let a good-old-fashioned church benefit be one more attraction at which to marvel.

In faith and service,

—Jon

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## News from the Cummington Historical Commission

Our 2016 summer at the Kingman Tavern Museum is in full swing. We are grateful to have four experienced guides return this year: Hannah Streeter, 3rd year, Winter Elia, Sunny Eiseman, and Lila Feitner, all for their 2nd year. Volunteers returning for their 2nd year are Sue Riley, our hospitality pro, who provides a hearty welcome and refreshments on the lawn, while Laura Sheridan, as our Country Store clerk lovingly oversees sales, answers questions and thanks our visitors for coming. New to volunteering this year is Kathy Knox, who stationed in the Tavern Room, cheerfully further greets and checks folks in with their guide. We always enjoy our guests that visit as much as they appreciate the museum's collection! The museum will continue to be open Saturdays, from 2-5 PM through August 27. On closing day (8/27) our 4th Annual Shape Note Singing School will take place. For those of you unfamiliar with Shape Note Singing, please rest assured that all instructions are given throughout the afternoon, as well as explanations about the long and interesting history of Shape Note Singing. Of course, everyone is invited just to come and enjoy the singing and talk. We are extremely fortunate to have Tim Eriksen, an American musician, musicologist, professor and world renowned expert on this type of singing, return and lead. Thanks go to Ron Woodland for his yearly guidance and booking of an instructor.

As always, guided tours are offered of the Tavern. The Barn and Carriage Shed tours are self-guided.

Refreshments are served on the lawn & picnicking is encouraged. Admission is free, however donations are accepted. We invite you to visit. Many rooms filled with Cummington history!

For more information and to see if additional special programming has been added call Pat at 413-563-1981.

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## Ministry Hours in August

From Rev. Jon: I will be in Cummington intermittently during the weeks prior to Labor Day and will not hold regular office hours. Tuesday afternoons are a likely time to arrange a meeting. Do feel free to call me at home (413-624-3025) if you would like to talk or meet. My home-phone message machine is the best way to reach me since I check email, jonrehmus@gmail.com less often. My regular hours in Cummington with meditation sessions begin the Thursday after Labor Day, September 8.

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## The Service on the Hill

Sunday, August 21 at 10 AM on Potash Hill

In this beautiful hilltop setting—with tent and chairs available—the Village and West Cummington churches gather each summer for worship and fellowship. Stephen Philbrick and Jon Rehmus lead the service, and if you wish/are willing to provide an element during the service (music, song, dance, reading, etc.), contact Jon.

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## August At the Village Church

August 7—Service 10 AM, Last Greenwood Sunday

August 21—Service on the Hill with West Cummington Church, 10 AM

August 25–28—Cummington Fair

Look for the Village Church table and buy a ticket to win a quilt or other nice stuff.

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## Some of our dedicated Kingman Tavern volunteers



Laura Sheridan



Susan Riley and Kathleen Knox



Gretta Slezak

Photos by Pat Keith

## From the Librarian's Desk

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Saturday, October 22nd, 2016, 7 PM at the  
Cummington Community House. Ticket info T.B.A.  
(Don't forget your beret and battered volume of beat poetry)

## Music in Cummington

The Friday Night Café may be on hiatus for the summer, but the Old Creamery is filling in the music gap, putting on some excellent shows on Friday nights and Saturday noon time. Many local musicians have already played there. Pictured below is

Laura Pierce vocals, Dave Christopolus on upright base, Bennie "Fingers" Kohn on keyboard and Mike Kolodny on sax, on a recent rainy Friday evening. You can't have a much more intimate venue than this.



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Visit the FNC—<http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org/FNC.html>

## The Messenger

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### **"A Fiery and Still Voice"**

*William Cullen Bryant Living History Play*

Join the Enchanted Circle Theater and the Trustees at the Bryant Homestead for a unique living history experience. Past and present converge in this 30-minute dramatic performance. It's 1866 and literary, conservation and political ideas are flourishing.

Get to know the man behind the poet and experience the homestead come to life. This is for ages 12 and up. Wear walking shoes. The performance will occur rain or shine.

August performances:

Wednesday, August 17th—  
11:45 AM & 12:45 PM

Wednesday, August 31st—  
11:45 AM & 12:45 PM

September performances:

Saturday, September 3rd—11  
AM, 12 PM & 1 PM

Saturday, September 17th—11  
AM, 12 PM & 1 PM

Saturday, September 24th—11  
AM, 12 PM & 1 PM

The cost to Trustees Members is \$9, Nonmembers \$15. For more information contact [acaluori@the-trustees.org](mailto:acaluori@the-trustees.org) or call 413-628-4485 X3. To reserve your tickets please visit [www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/pioneer-valley](http://www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/pioneer-valley).



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## Lunch Bunch

Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting August 10 at Zutto's, 461 Dalton Ave. in Pittsfield.

A carpool will be leaving the Village Church at noon. Call Edith at 634-5557 for further information.

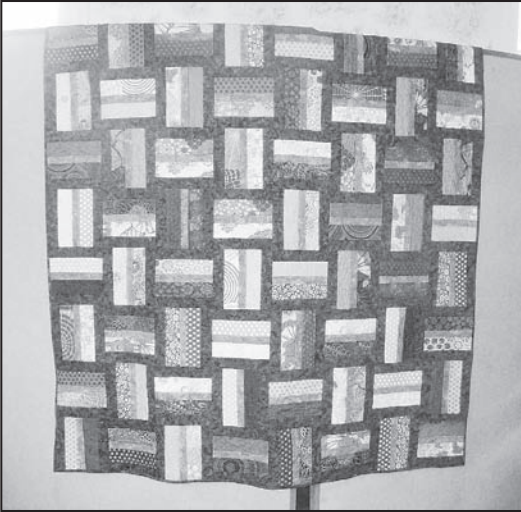
The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the September issue is August 25, 2016. Any personal news, an event, a business to promote with a paid advertisement or anything else worth noting please send to John at [mrblouz@verizon.net](mailto:mrblouz@verizon.net) or Pat at [patakeith@gmail.com](mailto:patakeith@gmail.com), mail to VCC, PO Box 76, Cummington, MA 01026 or leave it in the drop box, marked GWM located in the back entry-way of the Village Church. Please be sure to include all the details, and a contact number in case we have questions.

For personal, church needs or questions please contact one of the Deacons, John Maruskin at 634-5320, Susan Riley at 634-8055, Kathleen Knox at 634-8041 or Josh Wachtel at 634-5005 or leave a message at the church 634-5508.

To rent the church space for classes, concerts, meetings, etc., please call Scott at 634-5084. The church charges a very nominal fee to cover upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!



## Village Church Raffle



Some of the wonderful things being raffled off by the Village Church. Call Kathy Harrison at 634-5631 for more details, or see a member to buy a ticket.



## Concerts at Seven

Concerts at seven will present its eighth season at the Plainfield Congregational Church in August. The response last summer was overwhelming and we are thrilled to welcome back the Borromeo Quartet and Julliard Quartet cellist (as of September 2016) Astrid Schween with Randall Hodgkinson on piano.

These concerts are offered free of charge. Donations gratefully accepted and will help to sustain the series. A reception follows each concert in the Plainfield town hall next to the church. The church is at 35 Main Street, Plainfield MA. For more information visit our website at [www.plainfieldconcertsat7.com](http://www.plainfieldconcertsat7.com) or [www.wisteriachambermusic.com](http://www.wisteriachambermusic.com) or call 413-634-0025

Monday, August 8, 2016, 7 p.m.

RICHARD ALSTON, PIANO

*St. George, Beethoven, Liszt, Dett*

Monday, August 15, 2016, 7 p.m.

ASTRID SCHWEEN, 'CELLO and RANDALL HODGKINSON, PIANO

*Bach, Schumann, Rachmaninoff*

Monday, August 22, 2016, 7 p.m.

THE BORROMEO STRING QUARTET

with RANDALL HODGKINSON, PIANO

*Bach, Shostakovich, Beethoven*

Nicholas Kitchen, violin • Kristopher Tong, violin

Mai Motobuchi, viola • Yeesun Kim, 'cello

Monday, August 29, 2016, 7 p.m.

MOUNTAIN STREAMS

*O'Connor, Griffes, Schubert*

Monica Jakuc Leverett, piano • Zoe Darrow, fiddle

The Wistaria String Quartet

Sara Briggs, violin • Kaila Gref, violin

Delores Thayer, viola • Wayne Smith, 'cello

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| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                       | Saturday                                   |
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| Admin. Assistant<br>Hours<br>9–11 AM                         | Admin. Assistant<br>Hours<br>9–11 AM   | Family Center<br>Play Group<br>9:30–11:30 AM            | Finance Office (Tax<br>Collector, Treas.,<br>Acct.) open 6–7 PM                      | Admin. Assistant<br>Hours<br>9–11 AM         | Transfer Station<br>open<br>7–11 AM        |
| Veterans Agent<br>9–11 AM                                    | Board of Health<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues.<br>7 PM (2nd floor) | Council on Aging<br>Office Hours 9–noon<br>(C.H. Annex) | Town Clerk<br>6–7:30 PM (2nd floor)  | Family Center<br>Play Group<br>9:30–11:30 AM | Bryant Library<br>open<br>8:30 AM–12:30 PM |
| Assessor Office Hours<br>9:30–11:30 AM<br>(upstairs in C.H.) |  | Bryant Library<br>open 6–9 PM                           | Selectboard meets<br>7 PM  |  |  |
| Bryant Library open<br>6–9 PM                                |  | Transfer Station open<br>5:30–7:30 PM                   | Building Inspector<br>7–9 PM<br>(upstairs in C. H.)                                  |  |  |
|  |  | Planning Board<br>2nd, 4th weeks 7 PM                   | Board of Assessors<br>meets<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays<br>6–8 PM |  |  |
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